



## DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
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July 30, 2015

### ***Re: Freedom of Information Act Request***

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a Freedom of Information Act Request. In making this request, I am willing to pay applicable costs.

I hereby request the following: Any and all information relating to sediments in Cleveland Harbor and disposal of dredged material from the Cleveland Harbor, including but not limited to any analysis or plans regarding potential disposal methods or locations, all sampling, data, internal communications, inter-agency communications, reports, and comments sent or received. This request encompasses, but is not limited to:

- any data or documents relating to sampling of sediments in the Cleveland Harbor, including any such information from USACE;
- any data or documents relating to sites in Lake Erie considered as potential disposal sites or sites used or considered as water-quality or sediment reference sites including any such information from USACE;
- any data or documents relating to projected dilution, dispersion, or migration of material dredged from the Cleveland Harbor at potential disposal sites in Lake Erie;
- any data or documents relating to the potential impacts of bioaccumulation of contaminants from material dredged from the Cleveland Harbor;
- any information available to EPA regarding the Army Corps' consideration of the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality, 2012, in making its NEPA or federal standard determinations relating to the Cleveland Harbor; and
- any and all information relating to the Army Corps' plans for maintaining commercial navigability of the Cleveland Harbor through the year 2035.

The scope of this request is limited to material originating after January 1, 2012 through present. Because decisions regarding the 2016 dredging season are required to be made soon, we request expedited production to the extent possible and no later than October 31, 2015. Please provide the information in a searchable, electronic format.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Foley  
Director, Department of Sustainability

Cc: Robert Triozzi, Department of Law